

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris, Miles H.B. No. 799  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 22, 2013;  
 1-4 April 24, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Criminal Justice; May 9, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
 1-6 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to vocational training programs provided by the Windham  
 1-19 School District.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 19.004(c), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-22 read as follows:

1-23 (c) The district shall:

1-24 (1) develop educational programs specifically  
 1-25 designed for persons eligible under Section 19.005 and ensure that  
 1-26 those programs, such as GED and ESL, are integrated with an applied  
 1-27 vocational context leading to employment;

1-28 (1-a) develop vocational training programs  
 1-29 specifically designed for persons eligible under Section 19.005 and  
 1-30 prioritize the programs that result in certification or licensure,  
 1-31 considering the impact that a previous felony conviction has on the  
 1-32 ability to secure certification, licensure, and employment;

1-33 (1-b) continually assess job markets in this state and  
 1-34 update, augment, and expand the vocational training programs  
 1-35 developed under Subdivision (1-a) as necessary to provide relevant  
 1-36 and marketable skills to students; and

1-37 (2) coordinate educational programs and services in  
 1-38 the department with those provided by other state agencies, by  
 1-39 political subdivisions, and by persons who provide programs and  
 1-40 services under contract.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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